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THE GOOD SHEPHERD

● John 10:1-18

WHY?

America is the land of much pleasure, little happiness. Some basic ingredient to happiness is missing. WHAT? X Answer is in our text. Life in abundance. Spiritual. God teaches the lesson in a Word Picture of Christ.

X *not following the Good Shepherd.*

I. PASTORAL LIFE VERY FAMILIAR TO JEWS & PHARISEES.

- A. Shepherds given charge of 100 sheep. Lk. 15:4.
 B. By day: Guided to green pastures, still waters. Ps.
 C. By night: Several flocks guarded in one fold or ^{23:2} sheep cote: 4' stone wall enclosure.
 1. Porter guards the sheep while shepherds sleep.

II. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SHEEP & SHEPHERD TENDER-BEAUTIFUL.

- A. Sheep know master's voice, trust & obey it ONLY. V. 3
Ill. Mr. Hartley challenged this, but saw Shepherd call sheep one by one, by name, from 400 mixed.
 B. So personal, calls his sheep by name. Vs. 3.
Ill. J. O. Thompson, 3 ranches, three fine herds, called his cattle by name. Why? \$300 to \$1500!!
 C. Shepherd leads his sheep. V. 4. Americans drive!!
 ● 1. I Pet. 5:1-7. Elders (Shepherds) lead Church!!

V. (11, 15, 17, 18)

III. JESUS, THE BEST SHEPHERD, BECAUSE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR SHEEP

- A. Diff. in hierling and true shepherd: Hierling runs from danger, shepherd overcomes it. I Sam. 17:34-35
 B. Isaiah 53:4-12 describes the sacrifice for us.

INV: Lost souls are sheep without a Shepherd. Jesus offers to be your Good Shepherd. Ps. 23:1-3a.

Some sheep wander away from flock. So dangerous because of influence on the lambs. Poem describes thought.

THE LAMBS WILL FOLLOW THE SHEEP

The lambs will follow the sheep you know.
 Wherever the sheep may stray;
 When the sheep go wrong, it will not be long
 Till the lambs are as wrong as they.

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And so to the sheep we earnestly plead
 For the sake of the lambs today
 If the sheep are lost, what a terrible cost
 The lambs will have to pay. ---Selected.

IDENTIFY.

BOORUM & PEASE

PEASE "NOTER" (R)